

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 43911

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
ELLARD H. BEANS AND ADELAIDE W. BEANS
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE
AND NECESSITY TO OPERATE WATER SYSTEM,
TAHOE TAVERN HEIGHTS, PLACER COUNTY.

Application No. 30651

Hugh J. Downey, for applicant.O P I N I O N

Ellard H. Beans and Adelaide W. Beans, doing business under the fictitious firm name and style of Tahoe Heights Water System, ask the Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to supply water for domestic and other purposes in an unincorporated area comprising approximately 89 acres and located about 1½ miles south of Tahoe City, Placer County, California. The Commission is asked to authorize flat and metered rates for water service.

A public hearing in this matter was held at San Francisco before Examiner MacKall.

The source of water supply for this system is a six-inch drilled well, 68 feet deep, located on the Miramar Tract about 180 feet west of Lake Tahoe. A six-inch pipe line extends from the pump to Lake Tahoe and may be used to pump water from the lake in an emergency and for draining the system. The well is equipped with a pump directly connected to a 7½ hp electric motor rated at 50 g.p.m. The pump is installed in a concrete pit under an insulated building containing a thermostatically controlled electric heating unit. Water is pumped from the well directly into the distribution system consisting

of approximately 7,000 feet of mains, varying in size from six to 2½ inches in diameter. Surplus water is stored in a 21,000-gallon steel tank located on a hilltop lot in Tahoe Tavern Heights, 320 feet in elevation above the well site. There are seven consumers being served at the present time.

Ellard H. Beans testified that the installed cost of the system is \$15,800, exclusive of lands and rights of way, which latter lands and rights of way are appraised at \$5,000.

In a report submitted by a member of the Commission staff, the water system was appraised at \$15,188 as of December 31, 1949, exclusive of lands, rights of way and easements, with a corresponding depreciation annuity of \$511, computed by the straight-line method. The Commission's engineer also recommended that the three-inch line, now terminating in a dead end at a point easterly of Lot No. 54, be connected with the 2½-inch line near Lot No. 55 on Hazel Road, to provide necessary water circulation.

The rate schedules as originally requested provided only for an annual charge of \$60, effective throughout the calendar year, payable on or before June 1 of each year for both flat rate and metered service. The meter rates allowed the consumer 1,000 cubic feet of water per month with excess over this amount charged at the rate of 25 cents per 100 cubic feet, reduced to 17.5 cents through three blocks. Amendment to the application was submitted, requesting additional optional seasonal charges of \$35 for a summer rate and \$25 for a winter rate. The summer rate is effective during the period from May 15 to October 15 of each year. The winter rate covers the balance of the year. The rates requested appear to be reasonable and will be authorized.

The area for which a certificate is desired is not served by any other public utility water system. No one appeared at the hearing

to object to the granting of applicants' requests. The certificate of public convenience and necessity granted herein is subject to the following provision of law:

That the Commission shall have no power to authorize the capitalization of this certificate of public convenience and necessity or the right to own, operate or enjoy such certificate of public convenience and necessity in excess of the amount (exclusive of any tax or annual charge) actually paid to the State as the consideration for the issuance of such certificate of public convenience and necessity or right.

O R D E R

The above-entitled application having been considered and a public hearing having been held, the matter having been submitted and now being ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED AND ORDERED as follows:

1. That the present and future public convenience and necessity require and will require the operation of a public utility water system for domestic and other purposes by Ellard H. and Adelaide W. Beans within Tahoe Tavern Heights and Miramar Tract, and certain adjacent territory, in Placer County, as more particularly delineated upon the map marked "Exhibit 1" in this proceeding, which exhibit hereby is made a part of this order by reference.
2. That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is granted to Ellard H. and Adelaide W. Beans to operate a public utility water system for the distribution and sale of water within the territory hereinbefore described.
3. That Ellard H. and Adelaide W. Beans shall file with this Commission, in quadruplicate, rates set forth in Exhibit A attached to this order to be effective within thirty (30) days after the effective date hereof, together with rules and regulations and an acceptable tariff service area map in accordance with the requirements of General Order No. 96.
4. Within sixty (60) days after the effective date of this order, Ellard H. and Adelaide W. Beans shall file with this Commission four copies of a comprehensive map, drawn to an indicated scale of not less than 600 feet to the inch, upon which shall be delineated by appropriate markings the territory presently to be served. This map should be reasonably accurate, show the source and date thereof, and include sufficient data to determine clearly and definitely the location of the property comprising the entire utility area of service; provided, however, that such map shall not thereby be considered by this Commission

or any other public body as a final or conclusive determination or establishment of the dedicated area of service or any portion thereof.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th day of March, 1950.

R. T. Anderson
James F. Casper
Walter L. Russell

Commissioners.

Commissioner Harold P. Huls, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Schedule No. 1

ANNUAL FLAT RATE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all flat rate water service to annual residential consumers.

TERRITORY

All territory as delineated on map filed as Exhibit No. 1 in Application No. 30651, being Tahoe Tavern Heights and Miramar Track and certain adjacent territory located approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of Tahoe City, Placer County, California.

RATES

	<u>Per Calendar Year</u>
Annual flat rate charge for each residential consumer payable in advance on or before June 1 of each year.....	\$60.00

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Meter may be installed at the option of the utility or the consumer.

Schedule No. 2

SEASONAL FLAT RATE SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all flat rate water service to seasonal residential consumers.

TERRITORY

All territory as delineated on map filed as Exhibit No. 1 in Application No. 30651 being Tahoe Tavern Heights and Miramar Track, and certain adjacent territory located approximately 1½ miles south of Tahoe City, Placer County, California.

RATES

Per Season

Summer seasonal flat rate charge for the
period May 15 to October 15 for each
residential consumer..... \$35.00

Winter seasonal flat rate charge for the
period October 15 to May 15 for each
residential consumer..... 25.00

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Meter may be installed at the option of either the utility or the consumer.

Schedule No. 3

ANNUAL METERED SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service to annual residential consumers.

TERRITORY

All territory as delineated on map filed as Exhibit No. 1 in Application No. 30651 being Tahoe Tavern Heights and Miramar Track and certain adjacent territory located approximately 1½ miles south of Tahoe City, Placer County, California.

RATES

	<u>Per Calendar Year</u>
Annual minimum charge payable in advance on or before June 1 each year	\$60.00
Monthly Quantity Charge:	<u>Per Meter Per Month</u>
First 1,000 cu. ft. or less per month, included in annual minimum charge	
Next 1,000 cu. ft., per 100 cu. ft.....	\$ 0.25
Next 2,000 cu. ft., per 100 cu. ft.....	.20
Over 4,000 cu. ft., per 100 cu. ft.....	.175

Schedule No. 4

SEASONAL METERED SERVICEAPPLICABILITY

Applicable to all metered water service to seasonal residential consumers.

TERRITORY

All territory as delineated on map filed as Exhibit No. 1 in Application No. 30651 being Lake Tavern Heights and Miramar Track and certain adjacent territory located approximately 1½ miles south of Tahoe City, Placer County, California.

RATES

	<u>Per Season</u>
Summer seasonal minimum charge for the period May 15 to October 15 for each residential consumer	\$35.00
Winter seasonal minimum charge for the period October 15 to May 15 for each residential consumer.....	25.00
Monthly Quantity Charge:	<u>Per Meter</u> <u>Per Month</u>
First 1,000 cu. ft. or less per month included in seasonal minimum charge	
Next 1,000 cu. ft., per 100 cu. ft.....	\$ 0.25
Next 2,000 cu. ft., per 100 cu. ft.....	.20
Over 4,000 cu. ft., per 100 cu. ft.....	.175